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РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК

Russian 101: Introduction to the Russian Language

Преподаватель (Instructor): Ona Renner-Fahey

Приёмные часы (Office hours) via Zoom: M at 11:00, W at 3:00 and by appointment.

Кабинет (Office): Liberal Arts 329
(This semester I will not held office hours in my office.)

Имэйл (E-mail): ona.renner@mso.umt.edu

*Мобильный телефон (Cell phone): See emails or Moodle.
(Please only use this number to text to find out if we are holding class outside or to relay important information regarding your health.)

Где/Когда? ((When/When?):

In person: Mondays and/or Fridays, sometimes outside. If you are late, you may text me to find out where we are.

Over Zoom: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*Please be aware that we will attempt to record all of our classes.

Course description:

This course introduces students to the Russian language through a hybrid approach (some face-to-face meetings and some via Zoom) and through the use of a textbook and on-line supplements. Russian 101 is a four-credit course and fulfills one semester toward the Foreign Language Competency at UM. It is required for Russian majors and minors. It is a prerequisite to Russian 102, which will be offered in the spring.

Learning Outcomes:

In this course the students will learn the fundamentals of the Russian language through the four skills of speaking, listening, writing, and reading. While there will be considerable focus on grammar, the ultimate aim of the course will be active communication within various contexts of the target language and culture.

Disability Accommodations:

If you are a student with a disability who will require reasonable accommodation in this course, please contact Disability Services for Students for assistance in developing a plan to address program accommodations. If you are already working with Disability Services, then you should arrange to meet with one of your instructors during her office hours to discuss accommodations that may be necessary.

Important Safety Precautions:

- Mask use is required within the classroom. Masks, not bandanas or gators. And your nose must be covered!
- Each student was provided with a cleaning kit. The expectation is that students will clean their personal work space when they arrive for class, and before they leave the classroom
- Our classroom has a one-way entrance / exit to minimize crowding
- Students should not congregating outside the classroom before and after class
- Specific seating arrangements will be used to ensure social distancing and support contact tracing efforts
- Class attendance will be recorded to support contact tracing efforts
- Drinking liquids and eating food is discouraged within the classroom (which requires mask removal)
- Stay home if you feel sick and/or if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and please contact the Curry Health Center at (406) 243-4330
- Up-to-Date COVID-19 Information from the University of Montana:
 - UM Coronavirus Website: <https://www.umt.edu/coronavirus>
 - UM COVID-19 Fall 2020 website: <https://www.umt.edu/coronavirus/fall2020.php>

Classroom Etiquette:

It is essential to the learning process that students treat each other and the instructor with respect. Under the Student Conduct Code, students who are found to be disruptive may be asked to leave the classroom (physical or virtual). Disruptive behaviors may include but are not limited to:

- Using electronic communication devices, including cell phones and laptops, for purposes unrelated to ongoing class activities.
- Carrying on side conversations or chats that are distracting to the instructor and other students.
- Verbally interrupting the class with comments or questions not relevant to the course or to the current discussion.
- Failure to participate in assigned group activities.
- Significantly interfering with instructor's work activities during or outside of class.

NOTE THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

• **Attendance / Participation:** Active participation is integral to the success of learning a foreign language. The students will receive participation grades of 0-5: 0 for being absent (letter grade of F), 1 for being present but incapable of participating (letter grade of D: 65%), 2 for fair participation (letter grade of C: 74%), 3 for good participation (letter grade of B: 83%), 4 for very good quality and quantity of participation (letter grade of A-: 92%), 5 for excellent quality and quantity of participation (letter grade of A: 100%). Tardiness may also have an effect upon participation grades Each student may be absent four times (which equals a week of class) without his/her grade being significantly affected. This should be plenty to account for common illnesses, transportation or internet problems, etc. Routine dental or doctor visits should not be scheduled during class time. *After four absences, each absence will result in an additional two-point deduction from the student's final course grade. If a student does not miss any classes over the course of the semester, two points will be added to her/his final course grade. A student may make up as many as four absences.*

● *Homework:* Homework grades are also based on this 0-5 scale. *Late homework for each unit will be accepted up until the day of the test but will be marked down one point per day.* Students must date all late homework and understand that it will not be graded with priority. *Students may miss four homework assignments without being penalized.* Written homework is to be done on lined paper with clean edges. Write neatly and skip lines. A three-ring binder is required for keeping returned homework in order. Good organizational practices are key to your success in this course.

● *Quizzes/tests/exams:*

1. These should be taken at their scheduled times, in person.
2. Each student may drop his/her lowest unit quiz grade and unit test grade
3. If a student receives a test grade lower than 80%, it is highly recommended that s/he make an appointment with the professor in order to review the test. If the student does not work to understand the mistakes s/he made on the test, it is likely that s/he will make those same mistakes on subsequent tests.
4. There will be a few times throughout the course of the semester (accompanying each chapter test) when each student will be required to take a 10 minute oral proficiency portion of a test outside of class time. Please keep this requirement in mind.

● *Grades are calculated according to the following scale:*

93-100	A	78-79	C+
90-92	A-	73-77	C
88-89	B+	70-72	C-
83-87	B	68-69	D+
80-82	B-	65-67	D
		64 & below	F

● *Final grades will be calculated according to the following percentages:*

Class participation	20% of final grade
Written homework	20% of final grade
4 unit quizzes @ 4% each	16% of final grade
4 unit tests @ 8 % each	32% of final grade
Final exam	12% of final grade

Required course materials:

1. *Russian Full Circle* by Donna Oliver and Edie Furniss.
This may be purchased at the University Bookstore, ext. 1234.

2. A three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper.

3. Access to two on-line supplements: www.yalebooks.com/russianfullcircle and a course Moodle page. (The link to the textbook page is on our Moodle page, as well.)

Additional sources of information:

our FB page: **The University of Montana Russian Program**

our Instagram page: **UMRussianProgram**